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SUBJ: NOMINATION OF ODD VATTEKAR, CONSERVATIVE PARTY DEPUTY CHAIR-
MAN FOR INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, FOR PARTIAL IVP GRANT

1. EMBASSY HERewith NOMINATES PROVIDED FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR
PARTIAL IVP GRANT DURING TRANSITIONAL QUARTER, ODD VATTEKAR,
CONSERVATIVE PARTY, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, AND
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE IN PARLIAMENT. VATTEKAR WILL

PARTICIPATE IN A VISIT BY THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE TO THE UNITED
STATES, SEPTEMBER 5-19. HE WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL FOR UP TO THREE WEEKS
FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE VISIT. EXACT TRAVEL
INFORMATION AND PROGRAM WISHES WILL BE FORWARDED IN AUGUST WHEN MR.
VATTEKAR RETURNS TO OSLO.

2. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: JAN 2, 1918 IN VADHEIM, NORWAY.

CITIZENSHIP: NORWEGIAN

PAST POSITIONS: A/S NORDISK ALUMINIUMSINDUSTRI 1942 TO PRESENT.

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF CHIRSTIANIA BANK & KREDITKASSE, HOLMESTRAND
1968, AND ON THE BOARD OF NORATOM-NORCONTROL FROM 1969. CHAIRMAN
OF NORWAY'S TECHNICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL
INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION SINCE 1973. CHAIRMAN CONSERVATIVE
PARTY'S TAX COMMITTEE SINCE 1973. MEMBER OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
SINCE 1976. MEMBER OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 1973-76. MEMBER OF PARLIA-
MENT SINCE 1969. PRESENT POSITION: DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF INDUSTRY
COMMITTEE.

ENGLISH: GOOD.

JUSTIFICATION: AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE,

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VATTEKAR WILL PLAY LEADING ROLE IN ALL ASPECTS OF NORWEGIAN OIL

AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY. PARLIAMENT AND THE COMMITTEE HAVE MAINTAINED
TIGHT SUPERVISORY CONTROL NOT ONLY OVER POLICY MATTERS BUT ALSO
OVER SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS, INCLUDING
ISSUANCE OF OIL CONCESSIONS, ESTABLISHMENT OF PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS,
AND USE OF FOREIGN COMPANIES ON NORWEGIAN SHELF. AS NEW MEMBER OF
INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, HE IS LEARNING THE ROPES AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO
PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION NEXT YEAR OF
INITIATING EXPLORATION NORTH OF 62 DEGREES, CONSTRUCTION OF GAS
TRUNK PIPELINE TO THE CONTINENT, AND OFF-SHORE POLLUTION FROM OIL
ACTIVITY. HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO RISE IN INFLUENCE IN THE
CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND PARLIAMENT.

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